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SUBJ: TOGO'S REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

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1. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS AND FATE OF HAILE SELASSIE IN VISIT TO MFA SEC GEN TIGOUÉ THIS MORNING (DECEMBER 4).

2. TIGOUÉ STATE GOT HAS NO INTENTION TAKE ANY ACTION SUCH AS DEMARCHE OR INTERCESSION WITH ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG). IT REGARDS FATE OF EMPEROR AS "INTERNAL AFFAIR" TO BE SETTLED BY ETHIOPIANS, AND STANDS BY "POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES' DOMESTIC AFFAIRS". "PRIVATELY WE DEPLORE THE EXECUTIONS," TIGOUÉ SAID, BUT HE THOUGHT THERE WERE ALREADY INDICATIONS THAT PROTESTS ALREADY MADE ARE HAVING SOME EFFECT; EPMG HAS BEEN FORCED CONTRADICT REPORTS THAT EX-EMPEROR WAS ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED, AND TIGOUÉ THOUGHT NEW ETHIOPIAN LEADERS WOULD NOT WISH "LOSE FACE" IN EYES OF WORLD BY EXECUTING HIM NOW.

4. COMMENT: AS "FATHER OF NEW TOGO" ROSE TO POWER AFTER SHOOTING PREDECESSOR ONCE REMOVED, IT IS UNLIKELY MFA WOULD EVEN SUGGEST HE INTERCEDE WITH NEW ETHIOPIAN RULERS TO SPARE
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THEIR PREDECESSOR (ONCE REMOVED).

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